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FW: Abandoned Phone Booth

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Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 1:35 PM

To: Daniel Halden <Daniel.Halden@lacity.org>, Matthew Severson <Matthew@hollywoodbid.org>

Dan, adding this to First Friday agenda – I think talking to a supervisor makes sense to take this to the next level. I'll discuss what Matthew what I've done so far.

Kerry

From: Wren Rider [mailto:wren@sunsetsound.com]**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2015 11:46 AM**To:** Kerry Morrison <Kerry@hollywoodbid.org>**Subject:** RE: Abandoned Phone Booth

Hi Kerry,

I've been thinking about our library alcoves and payphone situation and it seems to me that we need to get someone from the library interested in furthering our cause and dealing with the foundation.

Who do you think we should talk to, at the library, that would be willing to help us out? It didn't seem like Kian Daizadeh, Branch Manager, was too interested. He told Paul and I that he rarely goes out front (he parks in the rear of library) and doesn't really witness the problem. Is there a Supervisor or someone with the city?

Let me know what you think.

Thanks,

Wren

From: Kerry Morrison [mailto:Kerry@hollywoodbid.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 12:08 PM
To: wren@sunsetsound.com
Subject: RE: Abandoned Phone Booth

Wren, good work!

We determined this is city property, correct?

BID cannot step onto property without permission. City or LA Film School? What do you think?

Kerry

From: Wren Rider [mailto:wren@sunsetsound.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 12:01 PM
To: Kerry Morrison <Kerry@hollywoodbid.org>
Subject: RE: Abandoned Phone Booth

Hi Kerry,

Good meeting the other night!

I finally heard from Angie at Pacific Telemanagement Services (PTS) 866-788-5668 pertaining to the payphone on Ivar.

Angie said she heard back from AT&T Thursday, that's why she didn't respond to my 3 emails or my 2 phone messages... hmm. She said AT&T had no record of the phone so it must have been another company's phone.

She said they could remove it for \$200. She also said it probably wouldn't be a problem if we just removed it ourselves.

Does the BID have anyone who could remove this eyesore and save a few bucks?

Thanks,

Wren

From: Kerry Morrison [mailto:Kerry@hollywoodbid.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 11:14 AM
To: wren@sunsetsound.com
Cc: Paul Camarata
Subject: RE: Abandoned Phone Booth

Wren, I appreciate the research and can definitely use your help on this.

I am thinking back to when there were many, many phones on the Boulevard, the conventional wisdom was that they were not ATT phones, but rather private vendors would come in, put in a phone and then share the revenue with the property owner. Don't know if that is the same with this one. Cell phones have obviated this need for these phones. Let me know what your research shows. Then we could collaborate with library staff at next meeting (which is believe is Friday, and need to confirm with Dan).

Meanwhile, I have sent an email to the Gehry PR contact you've sent me. Good sleuthing!

Kerry

From: Wren Rider [mailto:wren@sunsetsound.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 10:53 AM
To: Kerry Morrison <Kerry@hollywoodbid.org>
Cc: Paul Camarata <paul@sunsetsound.com>
Subject: Abandoned Phone Booth

Hi Kerry,

I realize you are busy and it is just good business for all of us to keep the neighborhood safe and enjoyable for our patrons.

I found this information concerning Gehry's contact
<https://www.foga.com/contact.asp> on the web. It has contact numbers.

To change the Gehry library building design does seem more involved than just removing the AT&T broken down & abandoned pay phone which I was suggesting.

It may be advisable for you, representing the area with the BID, to talk directly to the Gehry group than I, but I am certainly interested in helping.

I think removing the phone booth would be a good step toward improving the block. I'm not sure if this is something we need to contact AT&T for removal or we can just tear it out. I know that phones need voltage to operate and there could be some 'hot' wires still remaining and could possibly be dangerous for the public.

Someone from the library may have to call AT&T directly for removal but I'm going to further investigate how public phones are safely removed.

Thanks,

Wren Rider

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From: Kerry Morrison [mailto:Kerry@hollywoodbid.org]
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 11:43 AM
To: wren@sunsetsound.com
Cc: Paul Camarata
Subject: RE: Old Phone Booth

Hi Wren...it's on my list (and unfortunately it's a long list) of things to do.

Here was my thought in walking past that library after our last meeting. According to the library staff, the foundation representing the architect – Frank Gehry – presumably would not allow anyone to tinker with the front of the space because of the design, etc. etc. However, it is very clear that those little cubby-holes create mini encampments. Here are photos I took from that day. There was a woman sleeping there. LAPD roused her...it is private property.

There needs to be consideration of gating of those open areas (with panic bars, so people could leave the library).

Would you have any time to do some research into this – who would we call at the foundation to get their ear.
If they are concerned about the integrity of a Gehry design, it is NOT compatible with this community at this time. It is actually contributing to the deterioration of the neighborhood.

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Kerry

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From: Wren Rider [mailto:wren@sunsetsound.com]
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To: Kerry Morrison <Kerry@hollywoodbid.org>
Cc: Paul Camarata <paul@sunsetsound.com>
Subject: Old Phone Booth

Hi Kerry,

Hope your day is going well.

I was walking pass the old ugly phone booth between the Ivar Theater and the library and thought we should figure out a way to remove this unsightly artifact.

I'm attaching a photo I took this morning to show you that it is mainly on the library's property but the cemented base does touch the Ivar building.

This basically seems to create our little quagmire concerning who is responsible for the phone booth removal.

I was hoping we can get passed 'pointing fingers' and figure out a way to just remove the phone booth. I don't think anyone will complain.

Let me know if you have any ideas.

Thanks,

Wren Rider

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